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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to enlist your aid in making sure genetically altered food is labeled as such. It is not to be considered "organic". There is so little we know about engineering the genes in our foods, not to mention in ourselves.

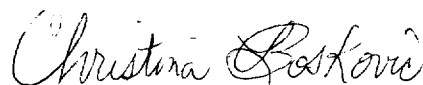
What if sterility genes "jump" ? There is a lot of gene jumping that goes on in biology. Can we not have a five year moratorium on genetically engineered food? Let us establish a bio-safety protocol. We need to assess the risks. Perhaps by following the restrictions set forth by England and Canada, we may be able to prevent really serious problems in our biological future.

Organic crops can be contaminated with genetically engineered seeds through "drift". Nature is not sealed off from itself. The wind or bugs can carry seeds all over the land.

I am also asking that the FDA continues to label irradiated food as irradiated. Euphemism, such as "ionically protected" have no place on our food labels.

Please consider these suggestions, before it is too late, and we end up losing our food supply and consequently, our lives.

Sincerely,

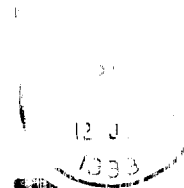


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